

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

As requested by the Examiner, the Applicant presents herewith two (2) new drawing sheets containing drawing Figures 1-3. It is noted that the drawings are identical to the subject matter previously referred to in the Specification as Tables 1-3, and accordingly no new matter is added by this amendment.

REMARKS

The Applicant has considered the Office Action dated August 26, 2005, and in response presents the foregoing amendments to the Specification and claims. As requested by the Examiner, claim 65 is amended as to punctuation. The specification and claims are also now believed to uniformly contain the proper spelling of "clonidine" as instructed in the Paper dated May 23, 2003. However, it is believed that "atepamezole" is properly spelled (indeed, that is the spelling provided in the '204 Gevirtz patent cited by the Examiner, see *Col. 1, line 44*), and therefore no amendment is believed to be necessary.

As requested, the subject matter previously referred to as Tables 1-3 is canceled from the Specification, and is re-presented herewith as new Figures 1-3. A new section, entitled Brief Description of the Drawings, is included herewith, and minor amendments are made to the Specification to clarify that the subject matter is now presented as drawing figures. Of course, no new matter is added thereby, since it is the identical figures that are re-presented.

The indication of allowable subject matter (page 4 of the Office Action) is noted with appreciation. The Examiner indicates that for allowability claim 65 should be amended to include all the limitations of the base claim. However, because the claim is presently in independent form, it is unclear to the Applicant what additional amendment is desired. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 65 is placed in condition for allowance by the amendment noted above. Similarly, it is believed that claims 66-79, depending from a claim believed to be in condition for allowance, are also in condition for allowance under the

teachings of *In re Fine*.¹

To expedite prosecution of this patent application, rather than for any reasons relating to patentability, claims 80-91 are canceled without prejudice. The Applicant expressly reserves the right to take up prosecution of claims 80-91 in one or more continuation applications. Because the claims are canceled without prejudice, it is believed that the Examiner's objection to claim 80 (page 2 of the Office Action) and the rejection of claims 80-91 under Section 103(a) (beginning on page 2, bottom of the Office Action) are rendered moot, and can safely be withdrawn.

Summarizing, the Applicant believes that the remaining claims of this application are now clearly placed in condition for allowance. A formal Notice to this effect is therefore earnestly solicited. However, in the event that some additional point requires attention, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below, to assist in expedited issuance of the patent. In the event any fee is due, please debit it from Deposit Account 11-0978.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988).